

APPROVED MINUTES  
CITY OF MILPITAS

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| Minutes:          | Regular Meeting of Bicycle Transportation Advisory Commission |
| Date of Meeting:  | April 12, 2004  |
| Time of Meeting:  | 7:00 P.M.   |
| Place of Meeting: | Milpitas Sports Center Conference Room                        |

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Present: Bill Reisinger, Rene Briones, Larry Litchford, Fred Zeise, Nawal Stanojevic  
Staff: Staff: Vice-Mayor Dixon, Janice Nadal, Joe Oliva

Chair Bill Reisinger led the Commission and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Bill Reisinger received from the NHT a 9 minute long video called "Ride Smart" to show on Milpitas Channel 15. The video is about helmet safety. Commissioner Briones noted there are a lot of children riding bicycles without helmets. Officers are stopping people without helmets but those over the age of 18 can go without a helmet. Staff member Janice Nadal will ask the Information Services Department to play the video on the City's Cable Channel 15.

Vice Mayor Dixon has been asked by the VTA to invite a few people to on a preview tour of the newest extension to the Tasman East/Capitol Light Rail Line. The tour will be on May 21. The Grand Opening is June 23; the revenue service will begin on June 24.

Commissioner Litchford thanked Ms. Nadal for the coordinating the roadwork repair with Public Works near the high school.

Vice Mayor Dixon asked about the temporary traffic solution in front of Milpitas. Ms. Nadal stated there is traffic calming at Russell Lane at Escuela Drive. In the morning, vehicles headed southbound will be forbidden to make U-turns at Russell Lane. This will be in effect starting after spring break on April 19. Staff (Transportation Planning, Traffic Engineering, and Police) met with Pomeroy, Russell and Milpitas High principals to notify them of the traffic calming efforts. Staff will continue to meet with these principals periodically to discuss future traffic calming programs along Escuela Drive.

Commissioner Stanojevic stated the kids are always trying to cross the street but there is so much traffic. Ms. Nadal stated the City's police lieutenant with traffic would work with the crossing guards to accumulate more students at the crosswalk instead of a few students at a time. Staff member Joe Oliva mentioned the time of the traffic light will be adjusted at Jacklin/Escuela which should help relieve the entire area. Chair Reisinger suggested Staff to review the timing of the traffic light at Arizona/Jacklin. Commissioner Stanojevic agreed the light is very slow.

**IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

MOTION to approve the April 12, 2004 agenda as submitted

M/S: Stanojevic/Litchford All Ayes

**V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

MOTION to approve the minutes of February 9, 2004, as submitted.

Chair Reisinger questioned what the reference to "Safe Sheds" in the February 9, 2004 minutes, Item VII. Topics, National Bike Registry is about.

<Commissioner Zeise joins the group>

Commissioner Zeise had no announcements.

Commissioner Zeise says that it is not sheds, but SAFE (Strategic Action For Emergencies). The question is could we use the bicycles turned in to Milpitas Police/Fire for the SAFE sheds for emergencies?

Vice Mayor Dixon, the liaison to CPAC, will relay question at the next meeting. The sheds may not be big enough to store a bicycle.

Chair Reisinger requested Ms. Nadal to revise the minutes, listing the official name of SAFE.

Vice Mayor will call the fire department

M/S: Litchford approves minutes with amendments/ Briones All Ayes

**VI. CITIZEN'S FORUM**

Rob Means, 1421 Yellowstone, on behalf of Personal Rapid Transit (PRT), is offering a resolution recommending an Environmental Impact Statement for the PRT crossing of the railroad tracks and requesting a promise to contribute at least \$5.00 each once 90% of the EIS funding is secured. If the petition is signed, it enables the signatory at least \$5.00 to the project.

This item has not been forwarded to the City Council. BTAC received his petition to review.

**VII. TOPICS**

**Report on Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements**

*Union Pacific (UP) Pedestrian Overcrossing Update*

Mr. Oliva reports that staff has been working with the City's Consultant, Sandhis, on this project. Drawings of the proposed concept were distributed to the Commission. Staff is currently preparing a feasibility study. A number of alternatives were reviewed but the drawing distributed is the most feasible. This alternative is the most merit. When staff works on the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) phase, several alternatives will be reviewed, as required by law, reviewing the project alternative, no alternative, and other alternatives. The South Alignment, presented today, connects the Lifescan area of Gibraltar, running behind the buildings over Solectron, making a curve. The

curve is necessary to elevate up and over the railroad tracks and return to grade and is compliant with the ADA and other standards requirements. Staff will be meeting with property owners in the future- Bedford Properties, Solectron. Mr. Oliva spoke with Mike Liberatore, general manager for the Great Mall, and discussed preliminary easement proceedings to make sure it is feasible to get legal easements near and on the Great Mall property. On the Great Mall property, there would be minimal loss of parking spaces.

The EIR process will begin in the Fall 2004.

Commissioner Zeise asked about funding.

Mr. Oliva stated this project is on the VTA's Tier 1 Bike Project listing for the County. The VTA is committed to providing 80% of funding. Engineering will do an updated cost estimate because they will be reviewing Tier 1, which this project was original estimated to be \$3 million. If the cost of the project has increase, the VTA will adjust and fund 80% of the current costs.

#### *BART TO MILPITAS*

Additional Citizen's Guides and CD-Rom's with the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIS/DEIR) were distributed to the BTAC.

VTA released the DEIS/DEIR for public review on March 16, 2004 with a 60-day review period for comment, May 14, 2004. Comments can be written, mailed, faxed, or emailed. The comments are on the actual written document.

City staff is working on a comment letter from the City of Milpitas looking at 15-18 environmental categories such as traffic transportation, land use, community effects, noise & vibration. The comment letter will be reviewed by the Planning Commission on April 28, then to the Transportation Subcommittee on April 29, then to the City Council for final action on May 4, 2004.

The VTA will be holding a public hearing at Joseph Weller Elementary School, Monday, April 19, from 6pm-8pm, to gather input from the public on this project as well.

In addition, staff mailed a postcard flyer to all residents in Milpitas reminding citizens of the dates of the meetings. A survey request to input online or via telephone was also publicized on the postcard for Milpitas residents to share their support for BART to Milpitas. The information from the survey would assist Vice-Mayor Dixon to know how strong to lobby for the BART project since there has been discussion about relocating funding to other projects or even phasing the project.

Chair Reisinger questioned if the Fremont Warm Springs Bart extension has been complete. Staff reported that they are done with the environmental phase, preliminary engineering, and are now looking for the remainder of funding. The proposed opening of the Warm Springs Bart extension was

scheduled for 2008.

The VTA is still planning to target 2014 for revenue of service of BART to Milpitas, San Jose, and Santa Clara.

#### **Report on Safety**

##### **BIKE ROUTE SIGNS**

Ms. Nadal updated the Commission on the Ranch Drive Bike Sign. The bike path does not exist due to the building of Calpine.

##### **REPORT ON PUBLIC AWARENESS**

###### *BIKE TO WORK DAY*

Bike to Work Day is May 20<sup>th</sup>. Chair Reisinger will be stationed at the Shell Station on Montague Expressway and Main Street.

###### *BIKE MAP ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE UPDATE*

Information Services is unable to place the map on the website at this moment. The Commission asked if they could just put the map up for now and add historical references and footnotes at a later time. Ms. Nadal will take action on this request.

###### *League of American Bicyclists Update*

Ms. Nadal reports that the City submitted an application currently in review by the League of American Bicyclists. The due date was March 19. A copy of the application was distributed to the Commission.

There are no fees involved and can submit an application a year from the first application. Ms. Nadal will update the Commission on the application.

###### *Bikeable Community*

Chair Reisinger forwarded a Bike-ability Checklists to the Commission to rate how "bikeable" Milpitas is. The information can be found on the website: <http://www.bicyclinginfo.org/pdf/bikabilitychecklist.pdf>

#### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Reisinger will not be in the country for the next meeting. But will stay in touch electronically. He will be in Italy and France.

**Dixon Landing Road-** Mr. Oliva reported that he met with the Caltrans project engineer Mo Suleiman in regards to the sidewalk section on the eastbound side that was poured last week. There will be no bike lane as per Caltrans because there are two lanes that turn right onto the Freeway. There will also be no westbound bike lane.

Chair Reisinger is going to write a letter and gather the bike coalitions.

#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.

M/S: Stanojevic/Briones

All Ayes

## ASSIGNMENT SHEET

**Patricia Dixon:**

Vice Mayor will contact CPAC regarding the storage of a bicycle for the SAFE Shed.

**Bill Reisinger:**

Write a letter to Caltrans regarding the bike lane striping on the Dixon Landing Road/880 Interchange Overpass.

**Janice Nadal:**

Forward the Ride Smart Video to the Information Services Department to play on the City's Cable Channel 15.

Contact IS in regards to the Milpitas Bike Map on the City's website.

Update the Commission on the Bicycle Friendly Cities application.